IZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Revision/fixation of prices of bulk drugs and formulations/ is an on-going process under the provisions of DPCO, 1987, and are done on the recommendations and in consultation with BICP. These are notified/fixed after due examination from time to time.

[Translation]

Food Processing Industries in Bihar

4430. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
SHRI LALIT ORAON:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food processing industries functioning in Bihar at present;

(b) the details of the proposals received by the Union Government for setting up new food processing industries in Bihar during 1991-92; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) There are 29 fruit and vegetable processing units and 10 Sweetened Aerated Water units licenced under Fruit Products Order (FPO) in Bihar. There are 41 Roller Flour Mills, 4872 Rice Mills including modern/modernised Rice Mills, Hullers, Shellers, Huller-cum-Shellers in Bihar. One large scale Bread manufacturing unit and a Pork processing plant (Bacon factory) is functioning at Ranchi in Bihar. Information in respect of other food processing industries is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). A proposal seeking assistance for development of infrastructure for mushroom cultivation and processing by tribal villages has been approved. Another proposal seeking assistance for development of infrastructure for food, fruit and vegetable processing in tribal areas of Chota Nagpur is under examination. Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd. is examining a proposal for setting up of Poshahar/Energy food plant in Bihar. This Ministry has also suggested to Bihar Government to set up an additional port processing line in the Bacon factory at Ranchi.

Applications from Orissa for Industrial Approval

4431. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Union Government from Orissa during the last three years seeking industrial approval;

(b) the number of applications accepted or rejected;

(c) the reasons for the applications lying pending for a long time; and

(d) the efforts made by the Government so far for the early disposal of pending applications for industrial approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). During the period from 1988 to 1991 (upto 30th November), a total number of 180 applications seeking Letters of Intent for setting up of industrial units in Orissa have been received. Out of these, 45 have been approved and 93 have been rejected/otherwise disposed of.

(c) and (d). Under the New Industrial Policy announced on 24th July, 1991, requirement of an industrial licence has been done away with except for a short list of industries on strategic, security and social considerations. For items requiring an industrial licence, specific proposals received by the Government.

[*English*]

Continuance of Contracts for Godowns

4432. DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI PAWAR: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing agreements with various private parties are likely to be continued in respect of godowns taken on hire; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to revise the existing terms of hire charges etc. in respect of private godowns currently used by the Union Government agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The hiring and de-hiring of godowns by the two main central agencies viz, Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Central warehousing Corporation (CWC), is a continuous process and is determined by the requirements of storage capacity at any given stage and the capacity already available.

(b) FCI and CWC do not have any proposal to revise the hire charges in respect of hired godowns during the currency of existing agreements.

Encroachment on Public Land

4433. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT:
SHRI MOHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the encroachment on public land in D.B. Block Market, Hari Nagar, G-8 Area, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the Government have also received complaints against this encroachment; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). These encroachments were detected by the Delhi Development Authority during a survey carried out by it in April, 1991. Delhi Development Authority has reported that show cause Notices have been issued to the allottees/lessees to remove the encroachments and in case the encroachment continues, the allotment/lease will be cancelled.

Foodgrain Buffer Stock

4434. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a 1.9 million tonne shortfall in the foodgrain buffer stock;

(b) if so, how far it is below the level prescribed under the Government's buffer-stock policy; and

(c) the steps being taken to make good the shortfall in the stocks of various foodgrains and bring them to the level stipulated by the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) and (b). The stocks required to